

Remarks

Claims 1 through 20 are now pending.

Various of the Applicants' claims have been amended in response to the Examiner's objections under 35 U.S.C. Section 112, second paragraph.

Terminal Disclaimer

A Terminal Disclaimer is submitted herewith in response to the Examiner's non-statutory double patenting rejection of various of the Applicants' claims. Applicants believe, however, that a typographical error was made in that the application number cited in the Office Action of 10/651,695 is this instant application while the notation to "see corresponding U.S. 2004/0116587" refers to co-pending Application Serial No. 10/628,679. Accordingly, Applicants have provided a Terminal Disclaimer as it pertains to co-pending Application Serial No. 10/628,679. If this is incorrect, Applicants request clarification of the co-pending application under which Claims 1, 4 and 6 through 9 are provisionally rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting. Authorization is given to charge the fee for the Terminal Disclaimer in accordance with 37 C.F.R. Section 1.20(d) in the amount of \$110.00, or any other fees, to our Deposit Account No. 07-1725.

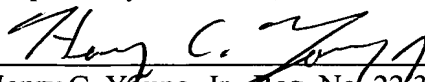
Claim Objections

It is believed that the Examiner's claim objections have been remedied by amendments made to the claims.

Conclusion

In view of the amendments made to the claims and comments herein it is contended that the amended claims are now in condition for allowance.

Respectfully submitted,


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